



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

ILLINOIS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Champaign County. Midwestern Roots. World-Class Expectations.

Who We Are

The Champaign County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) is a public-private partnership dedicated to fostering a cooperative, county-wide approach to economic development. We coordinate with a number of other key organizations in the area to promote an environment in which business thrives.



FY16 Annual Report

We're excited to release our FY16 Annual Report - a highlight of our accomplishments, activities, events, and programs from our latest fiscal year (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016).



You're Welcome at Illinois Terminal

Next time you're at Illinois Terminal in downtown Champaign, be sure to check out the new You're Welcome designs featured on the elevator doors & upstairs in the Amtrak



Willard Airport - Economic Impact Report

We commissioned a report with support from community sponsors to determine the local economic impact of Willard Airport. Some of the key findings:

Thank you to [our investors and program/event sponsors](#) - your support makes all of these things possible.

View and [download the report from our website](#).

Shout-out to [Clanin Marketing](#) for helping us put together this report.

waiting area. These designs promote [yourewelcomecu.com](#), a community effort to brand Champaign-Urbana as a hub for innovation, attract top talent and companies, drive economic development, and brag about our micro-urban community.

Many thanks to [Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District \(CUMTD\)](#) for their partnership & support of [#YoureWelcomeCU](#).

View all the photos [here](#).

- Willard Airport has a \$74,325,994 annual economic impact, a \$204,000 daily impact in the county
- 23,366 visitors come into the area each year because of the airport - these visitors create 112.8 local jobs
- Average of 494 passengers per day (38% of passengers are inbound to the region - live outside of central Illinois)

To learn more, [visit our website](#) to download the [full report](#) or [executive summary](#).

Village of Rantoul - Request for Proposals

Below is a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of a key property in the Village of Rantoul.

Responses are due by 5:00 pm (CST) on October 7, 2016.

[Village of Rantoul - Request for Proposals \(PDF\)](#)

Learn more on our [website](#) or in this local [news article](#).



In The News

UIUC Ranked in Top Ten for Venture Capital Funding Worldwide

In this [new worldwide ranking](#), "[PitchBook tracked founders of companies](#) that received a first round of venture funding between 2006 and August of this year and slices that data in a greater number of ways." On the list: [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign at #10](#).

Other recent rankings & noteworthy items:

- 46% of Computer Science Majors in UIUC's [College of Engineering](#) Are Women (that's well above the 18% of women majoring in CS nationwide), August 2016 ([Chicagoinno](#))

- #ILLINOIS2020 is the largest class in University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus history at 7,593 students, representing more than 33 countries and 42 states. Learn more [here](#) & [here](#).

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign ranked #6 on "The 14

Grand Opening: CME Group Innovation Center at UI Research Park

We were thrilled to attend the grand opening celebration of [CME Group's new Innovation Center at University of Illinois Research Park](#) on September 9th!

[CME Group](#) is the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace - handling 3 billion contracts worth approximately \$1 quadrillion annually, on average. The company is a marketplace for buyers and sellers - bringing together individuals, companies and institutions that need to manage risk or that want to profit by accepting risk.

This is CME Group's first location on a college campus.

Read more about their decision to open an office in Champaign-Urbana in this Bloomberg article, [Battle for Coding Talent in Cornfields of Illinois Lures CME](#).

Photos and additional coverage can be viewed [here](#) & [here](#).

II-VI Epiworks is Expanding, Will Add 120 New Tech Jobs

[II-VI Epiworks](#), located in Champaign, develops & manufactures compound semiconductor epitaxial wafers, [among other products](#).

EpiWorks joined the II-VI Incorporated family of advanced materials companies in February of 2016. Now, a major expansion of EpiWorks' Champaign facilities is underway. The new addition will increase production capacity by a factor of four, and will bring 120 new high tech jobs to Champaign.

They are hosting [Epic Work - an informal meet and greet with the EpiWorks team](#) (your chance to get an inside track) on Friday, September 23rd from 3 - 6 pm at Big Grove Tavern in downtown Champaign.

To learn more about the company, current job openings, and future growth plans, [visit their website](#).

For a full list of community rankings,
visit the [You're Welcome website](#).

Upcoming Events



Manufacturing Roundtable **Tuesday, October 4, 2016** **8 - 9:30 am**

We're partnering up with the [Champaign County Chamber of Commerce](#) to host a Manufacturing Roundtable on October 4th about the [Early College and Career Academy \(ECCA\)](#), a joint effort of Education for Employment System #330 and Parkland College.

In honor of [National Manufacturing Day](#) in October, we are hosting this roundtable for local employers, educators, and community members interested in learning more about local manufacturing programs.

ECCA is a program for high school juniors and seniors to earn credits that count toward a high school diploma and college, all while gaining skills in six different Parkland College degree programs, including Manufacturing.

Location:
Parkland College
Parkhill Applied Technology Center (PATC)
2400 West Bradley Avenue (Building T)
Champaign, IL 61821

Registration:
Free to attend, registration required to secure a spot - limited space available. Coffee & pastries will be provided. RSVP to Carly McCrory at carly@champaigncountyledc.org or 217-359-6261.

>> Facebook event:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/299335003792139/>

SBDC Workshop: Starting Your Business in Illinois **Tuesday, October 18, 2016** **9 - 11 am**

Session Description:

This informative 2-hour workshop helps entrepreneurs understand many of the steps and requirements of starting a small business in Illinois. You'll be taken step-by-step through a variety of topics and have the opportunity to ask questions.

In this seminar, you'll learn:

- * Introduction to the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Champaign County EDC
- * Feasibility
- * How to create or improve your business plan - an important part of starting a small business
- * Startup costs, ongoing expenses, and forecasting
- * Business structure
- * Financing and grant options

Location:
Illinois Small Business Development Center at
Champaign County EDC - CUSBDC
1817 S. Neil Street, Suite 100
Champaign, IL 61820

Registration:
Free to attend, registration required to secure a spot - limited space available. Materials will be provided. RSVP to carly@champaigncountyledc.org or 217-359-6261.

Sponsored By:
Illinois Small Business Development Center at
Champaign County EDC

More information about the workshop can be found on the [CUSBDC website](#).

>> Facebook event:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1158238150887166/>

Save the Date: 12th Annual Innovation Celebration
Friday, March 3, 2017
5:30 - 8:30 pm

We're excited to announce the date & location for our 12th Annual Innovation Celebration!

Parkland College - Student Union
2400 West Bradley Avenue
Champaign, IL 61821



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CELEBRATION

Innovation Celebration provides recognition of those individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions, taken risks, and provided leadership to ensure the continuing economic success of Champaign County, the ongoing success of the University's economic development mission, and the growth of entrepreneurial talent and energy in our community.

Innovation Celebration is not merely an award for accomplishment, but a benchmark of success for those outstanding individuals, organizations and corporations who are nominated and selected to receive this prestigious award. Innovation Celebration is hosted by the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation in partnership with the University of Illinois, Parkland College, and community sponsors.

A call for nominations will be announced soon. Until then, [relive the moments from our 11th annual event](#) in January. Learn more about each of the 2016 award recipients and finalists [here](#). Visit our [event website](#) for additional information.

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